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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Mohammed N. Islam et al.  
Serial No.: 10/649,192  
Filing Date: August 27, 2003  
Group Art Unit: 2872  
Confirmation No.: 5256  
Examiner: John Juba, Jr.  
Title: VARIABLE BLAZED GRATING

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

In response to the April 13, 2004 Office Action, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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